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HISTORY OF THE CID.

Rodrigo Diaz was the son of a man, ennobled alike by blood and personal prowess, at the court of King Fernando I. of Castile and Leon. Such was Rodrigo's bravery, even in early youth, that he conquered and gained as vassals five Moorish chieftains, who called him by the title of "Mio Cid." This dignity, superior with many others, which his chivalrous feats performed in defending the rights of his King, acquired to him the illustrious consort of the heart of Ximena, the beautiful daughter of Don Gomez, Count of Gormaz, a proud and haughty noble. But Rodrigo, having found himself compelled to avenge a disgraceful insult offered to his father by this imperious noble, whom he accordingly slew, the fair Ximena ever stood between love and the duty of vengeance for the dead, till at length she yielded, without much difficulty, to the King's entreaties that she should wed the conquering Rodrigo.

To this subject the following curious ballad relates:

"It was the Sherriff of Moura, a chieftain of ancient day,
Who, proudly, in the Gothic tongue, spoke to the Cid Ruydiaz bravely,
And Count Lozano, also, of the noble house of Gormaz;
To whom Don Rodrigo, in reply, was pleased to address:

"'My mother indeed, O King! is of ancient county lineage,
But many noblemen on him who her hand have solicited,—
A humble spirit assisted, by noble deeds, to exalt him,
And to obtain for him the noble hand of Ximena.

"'The lands he leaves to watch and weep, or sell what he pleases,
And any other to them transferred, or for which there may remain a deed;
I deal to him, and when I do he chastisement can withhold,
To me are my vassals, my castles to them, my little purse to hold.

"'The king, who deals out justice, should no equal empire bind,
Nor should his gallows stand, but high to spurn at glittering gold;
For in his noble circumstances a worthy of confidence is found,
For deed to accompany word, nor who estimate is counted.

Thereat the King, "O God of Heaven! I only [illegible] me well,
And, till all is justice in this station who considers,
My soul must pay the penalty in everlasting regret."

"Pass on," Alphonso said, "thy Cortes, King! for me are
Will they rebel against thee, as these proud Ximena's prayer;
The Cid, whether thy traitor, this word said I for my care,
That by one who does his domicile lit, endangered to me he knows."

"Oh hero I boast," Alfonso cried, "and more I charity me
That woman's vengeful will against all reason's been sent to be;
But only pay until the morning, and your gratitude to prove prayer;
The gauntlet, who Rodrigo, Ximena, my royal chastener bears."

This termination of each a difference between Ximena and Rodrigo, however incongruous it may appear to our ideas and customs, was perfectly consonant with those of Spain at that period. The *Rico Fembra*, or noble woman, had the privilege of disposing of the player of her amorous relations, and frequently, if left an orphan, she accepted the proposal of marriage as an indemnification, if there had been no treachery in the homicide.—Thus we see that Lope de Vega, at a much later period, in his "Estrella de Sevilla," has introduced the circumstance of a similar marriage.

Shortly after, the Pope and the Germanic Emperor proclaimed that the Kingdom of Spain should acknowledge itself a vassal of the empire. The Cid advised King Fernando to defy both these potentates; and, on his drawing to arms, he conquered the Papal and Imperial forces, and won for his sovereign the title of *Magno* or *par le Empereur*.

On the death of Fernando the kingdom was divided between his two sons; Don Sancho, the first born, inheriting the crown of Castile, together with a prize of highest value to the person of the Cid, who erected him with heroic deeds; and all his wars, unjust or well as just, even against Aragon, and his friendship, which he showed from his earliest years, to encourage them with him my hand." This great event has been celebrated in various of the romances.

Rodrigo and his personal consequence, nevertheless, withheld Alfonso from any overt manifestation of hatred against the Cid. On the contrary he sought to blind him to his interest by giving him his niece in marriage, and intrusting him with important military enterprises, all of which were executed by Rodrigo with increase of glory for himself, and of jealousy for his enemies. These were, chiefly, the grandees, courtiers, and prelates, who were ever on the alert for an opportunity of disgracing him with the King, whom they beheld fully disposed to find him guilty.

But his most inveterate adversary was Don Garcia Ordonez, a nobleman of great power and influence. Placing himself at the head of a count faction against the faithful Rodrigo, Don Garcia prevailed upon the King to banish him, under the pretence that, by invading the precincts of the Moorish King of Toledo, he had broken the treaty of alliance concluded between that sovereign and the crown of Castile. The Cid left his ungrateful country; but, instead of abandoning its interests, he continued to labor for its glory and prosperity, both by his friendships and enmities, with the several Moorish kings, who at that time had divided among them the empire of the dispersed califs of Cordova. Equally firm in maintaining the principles of justice, without regard to the power or station of those who outraged them, and constant in his loyalty to the person of the sovereign, by whom he was maltreated, he always expressed to the latter his remonstrances on the subject of his exile, which at the end of two years was repealed, Alfonso having become softened by the conquest of Toledo.

The Cid thus re-established in the favor, and indefatigable in the service of his sovereign, raised an army of seven thousand men, and, entering the territory of Valencia, he defeated Count Berenguel de Barcelona to raise the siege of that city, where a [illegible] an ally of Castile, then reigned. He afterwards, in compliance with the orders of Alfonso, marched on the castle of Halgen in support of the operations against the formidable Almoravides, who had made a fresh irruption from Africa on the peninsula. They, however, abandoned the field at the sight of Alfonso's troops, before the Cid could effect a junction; a circumstance which his enemies immediately made the ground of fresh imputations against him. The ancient fealty of the King was revived, and not content with passing on him a second sentence of banishment, he seized all his possessions, and cast his wife and children into prison. Rodrigo immediately sent a soldier to the court, who represented to Alfonso that his faithful servant had been calumniated; however, [illegible] he could obtain was permission for his wife and children to accompany him into banishment.—Once more reduced to carve out his fortunes with the sword, he returned to Valencia, in Arragon, where Count Berenguel insulted and menaced him, supported by a considerable force. Rodrigo, nevertheless, attacked him, and, having made him prisoner, generously restored him to liberty. After this he increased his glory and fortune on every side, and never unmindful of the vassalage which he owed to his King, he sent, as during his former exile, one of his principal captains to the court of Castile with rich presents and the homage of his noble resignation, as is related in the following stanzas:

"The vassal false, the traitor who, expell'd at thy command,
Now may not in Castile abide—Castile, his native land—
He, who by all dishonorable, and deeds that all by thee,
Yet lives shows thy loyal and unchanging love to be:

He, out of wrongs unmerited, now doth from Valencia send—
Humble to thee, thou Alfonso, who may Heaven still defend!
Nor should he of his courage, strength unshaken, complain,
Whom from three high combined lords his hosts and thy gain.

He passeth his dominions—three, with them though they be—
They drawn out of the depth of God's unpenetrable decree,
Which, by the hosts that would from him his conquest hourly tie,
Hath marvellously strengthened and exalted him on high.

I send a chest of [illegible] gift of costly kind,
Receive it, Don Alfonso, with an [illegible] mind;
Right welcome, with royal pleasure, five thousand mix of gold,
The spoil of five o'ermatched Kings, thereto these with behold.

Five boys I likewise send, and to my sovereign here resign,
This is no traitor's act I vouch—Alfonso, they are thine—
Engrave them on thy escutcheon, my place them with thy shield,
For minds of noble blood true fealty alone clearly gains to gain.

On him who hears these lines or sees, honors no less of thine,
Alfonso Flower Mirapel to vouchsafe, and to shine.
Yet kindly, King, receive him, and I pray thou speak him fair,
Though for myself I have and simply thy favor thine to share.

Some, as little charge a king may to his speech to bind,
And more than four such goods which will loyal subjects bind;
For never yet an exile came with such rich and fealty part,
And ready to the hostile one to assail with dauntless heart.

"Rodrigo" then will say [illegible] proof of."
If these fond ears my sovereign's [illegible] things will hence hear said:
No traitor here I [illegible], thine, and thy vassal thou knows,
Whose love the [illegible] thing alone shall be yielding sweet rancor.

[illegible] of good [illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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By the [illegible] the Bishop of London [illegible]

[illegible] Christian Observer [illegible]

[illegible] Dr. Wolff, in a very interesting letter, [illegible]

[illegible] Constantinople. [illegible]

[illegible] Ohio, at the mouth of Licorcorne, [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. Kelly, [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. Kelly was indebted by the Emperor Napoleon the Second, who spent much of his time in search of the philosopher's stone. Kelly assumed like the name there, but his trickery being discovered, he was ordered [illegible] His old friend shuddered [illegible] him in the tomb, for endeavoring to escape from a high window, he broke his leg, and died soon after. Lord Willoughby, Queen Elizabeth's ambassador at Prague, sent an old [illegible] to her Majesty, part of which had been presented him [illegible] by Kelly. The Queen, it appears, was so perfectly convinced of the truth of the story, that she sent Peter Gwynet to Bohemia to persuade Kelly to return to England.

The Hanging Gardens of Alnwick, in Scotland, are a great curiosity. An acre of ground is covered with artificial rocks, [illegible] of which [illegible] forty feet and the lowest seventy-five; over these hollows is placed a layer of earth of five feet thick, and planted with [illegible] trees and flowers. The produce [illegible] exceeds five hundred pounds. The work was commenced in 1750, and was completed in about five or six years. The expense of the whole undertaking was nearly £35,000.

The celebrated Mandolin Tchongra, the conception of the famous Spurger, a Hungarian architect, was destroyed in a singular manner. A servant of the observatory having taken out the glasses in order to clean them, put them in again without observing that a cat had crept into the tube. At night, the cat being alarmed at the strong gesture of the lower rays, endeavored to escape; but [illegible] down the instrument, which, falling to the ground, [illegible] the top of the tower, was broken to pieces.

For the Galaxy and Mercury.

THE ACCUTNEY.

It was a fine day in August, when accompanied by two young friends, I left the beautiful and flourishing village of Windsor, Vt. and set out to ascend the Accutney. Both mountains were now in us, and we had not well calculated our time of starting, or the manner in which we should go.

We had already taken a distance of twenty miles, and it was now noon; we therefore stood at a subterfuge and there hours near the foot of the mountain; but refraining to do more with the rustic landlord, and being unable readily to find [illegible] and wholesome fare, by desiring [illegible] the brown bread, potatoes and pork, for [illegible] we [illegible] down the whole with custom-like [illegible] of those who [illegible] labor. We then thoroughly [illegible] our stomachs with a bushess of cold [illegible] which [illegible] were known on the farm, and smoking on our [illegible] journey, we found it extremely [illegible] to [illegible] We set out [illegible] to leave, eager to attain the summit of the mountain and look down on the world below. But [illegible] had [illegible] half the steep and winding [illegible] which [illegible] to apply to our own [illegible] [illegible] of friends.

[illegible] Mechanic's Magazine. This is a monthly periodical printed in [illegible] and intended particularly for the distribution [illegible] class of people whose daily occupations [illegible] them no time for [illegible] researches [illegible] and works on the subjects [illegible] employments. It is published [illegible] thirty-seven and a half cents [illegible] is therefore brought within the [illegible] Each number [illegible] contains thirty-six pages of solid matter, illustrated by more than twenty cuts. Among the subjects briefly, but clearly discussed, [illegible] Astronomical dimensions, [illegible] Steam Engines, Pendulum Wheels, Hydrostatic Screws, [illegible] of Salt Water, Fire [illegible] Dying, &c. &c. We [illegible] not enjoy [illegible] many of the [illegible] of this work, as they require the use of plates,—but we have [illegible] a few of the [illegible] paragraphs [illegible]

Quacks, fools and charges [illegible] honesty, we believe, [illegible] Dr. Solomon [illegible] as to the [illegible] Dr. Solomon is [illegible] the [illegible] Dr. Solomon [illegible] Dr. Solomon [illegible] Dr. Solomon

On Sunday the Rev. Mr. Shrimpton, Curate of St. John's Wapping, was interrupted [illegible] by a gold laced hat of three feet [illegible] the pulpit, the curiosity-hunting [illegible] the congregation, [illegible] the preacher's voice. It is your [illegible] Christian to Whitechapel-road, [illegible] Fathers are first and [illegible] the children, the dears rather [illegible] the brethren, for nobody knows; [illegible] gone, and the volume [illegible] stay, We Europeans or Hindoos would [illegible] away, [illegible] to pound Hookey-Walker's [illegible] of pubic; [illegible] would be nice to the Board of C[illegible] [illegible] and occasion; Survey [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

...ments of the Oregon Territory, and from the evidence of those who have visited this country, it appears that the climate and natural productions of the Oregon Territory present many striking points of resemblance to those of the British Islands.

The country is enriched with every variety of soil, and yields every species of production which are necessary to prove it valuable for cultivation.

It is well watered. The rivers are numerous and of sufficient size and navigable. The navigable streams running in every direction, the fine ...ver bordering the streams and lakes, the excellent ...for shelter...

...would, however, remark that the soil of this valley consists of gravel, loam mould, extremely productive. The different species of the oak are found here, as well as the best timber for spars and masts ...earth produces. Here, likewise, trees are found of that astonishing size, to which nothing ...but a soil of great fecundity could give growth.—The Multnomah river, which waters this country, discharges itself into the Columbia opposite the Wappatoo Islands, and is navigable for vessels of 300 tons 40 miles from its mouth.

The island called Wappatoo is 20 miles in its greatest extent, it is rich in soil, and of a good elevation. It derives its name from the Wappatoo root, which is here produced in great abundance, and forms the staple article of trade among the natives in that part of the country, and is said to be a food superior to the potatoe.

The Third District, which is bounded on the West by the last described, and on the East by a vast open champaign country, is in breadth 150 miles. It is extremely ... Many of the ridges are high, barren, and rocky; nevertheless the hills are covered with thick groves of tall timber, and the soil in the valleys is uncommonly fertile. Here, too, ... abounding with delicious and nutritious vegetables, ... which this part of country is ... One or two objects, however, ... to escape observation. ... which stands on the bed of the Columbia river, and at the foot of the Grand Rapids, rises eighty corresponding heights of 700 feet, and terminates in a peak. On the N. W. ... distance of 25 miles from the Rock, is ... Helles. This ... upon a broad basis of clay ... and terminates ... of five hundred feet. ... for centuries ... great ...

The ... country, that undulating plain, ... surface, for nearly 200 miles, and ... of any description is found. Yet the eye ... the charming prospects of ... herds of animals, ... grazing or sporting upon the ...

The Fifth District is ... country, extending ... of the ... Next beyond ... lightful region, ... called the upper Plains. ... country, where the vigor ... of vegetation, rising in spontaneous ..., gives evidence of its fertility.

The Seventh District is the summit of the Rocky Mountains, a cold, barren waste of uneven surface, profusely scattered over with bluff rocks, and for most of the year covered with snow.

Thus, I have given the briefest sketch of the rural scenery, which in some parts of the Oregon territory ... the delighted eye.

I would only ... that it is among the first objects of the ... settlement, to introduce into the solitudes of the wilderness, the various business and benefits of ... and art; and to cultivate with patient and faithful industry, the heritage of God, neglected by the savage and desolated by his indolence and ... ignorance.—When, therefore, the industry and enterprise of man have planted in it villages and ... when its fields, cultivated by him, ... for his use, with the golden harvest; when ... improved and embellished by art, ... yield to him its own beneficence and ... it become the loveliest and most ... country on earth.

HALL JACKSON KELLEY.

The Duke of Wellington. The following article which we copy from one of our London Magazines, will give a good idea of the freedom of the British Press.

We are not the admirers of the Duke of Wellington. The successes of his military career will be recorded in the annals of his country. But HE IS NO STATESMAN. He has never had the education to constitute him one. The very qualities that made him a great general, ... unfit him ... consolidation of a free ... firmness, his promptitude ... and so forth. ... a minister ... of a mighty empire that ... all blunder upon blunder, ... absurdity into another, ... is called for ...

... such writers, whose testimonies we have already quoted, (Members of Science, said we wish all kind of free discovery (freedom) among our men; why, "is in the utmost height of folly ... to see and ... every favourable opportunity; and if a word ... in season, does, for the most part, produce wonderful effects, of what consequence and advantage must it be to a nation in deliberations of the highest moment, to seize, where great, the ever ... to enter into the right path, and take hold of the golden opportunity, which unlocks the most arduous things easy, and ... which, the most inconsiderable duty put a stop to all our ...? It is that of every ... in person," adds ... we would earnestly press upon the Great Duke of Wellington. It is ... for ... Untrue to ... his ... "bring out all his ..."—What ... nations have not yet ... to the ... having ... the ... appearance and ... as we may call it, of their ancient constitution. The spirit and soul are ... yet fled. Jealousy for public liberty is not yet ... Let him ... his own ill-advised prosecution for libel. Let him, for once, exercise wisely, that sovereign, dictatorial authority, which his flatterers ascribe to him as a virtue, that firmness and decision, so childishly vaunted by them, and command that all the other state prosecutions be abandoned—(for state prosecutions they are, however they may be veiled under the ... appeal of individual injuries,)—and he will at once destroy the strong and growing suspicion which now prevails throughout the country that he is the enemy of public liberty in the exercise of its dearest franchise, the freedom of the press. We warn him not to confirm that suspicion, even though he may know his own intentions to be "pure as unsunned snow." A wise man aims at two things: to do no wrong, and to do nothing that may make him suspected of wishing to do wrong. The patriot looks with a moody brow, and an angry eye, at what is going on. It is patient, because it is slow to believe in what it will not brook. But "beware the fury of a patient man." It will not see itself ... ged. It will not submit to be stripped of the first right of a free people, that of speaking about its opinions of its rulers. There is no slavery so galling as the slavery of the mind; none so ... ous; for ... thought, when it turns ..., is like the volcano, it spreads destruction far and wide. The French Revolution was a signal and a terrible example of retribution from the land of thraldom. There was a long arrear of oppression to settle, and we know how the account was ... ed.

We have shown, in the cases cited from the Court of Star-Chamber, how assiduously ... tive the public men of that day were to the ... dications of public opinion, and how ... they resented ... upon the most ... meaning of the profane ... Why, then, should we not ... to ... Would the people ... to ... the ... of the present ... as ... the ... of the ... Tudors, for ... gallant ... Nay, ... were ... in the ... Commons ... Council ... Lords ... Ireland ... Scotland ... Wales ... Jersey ... Guernsey ... Man ... Gibraltar ... Malta ... Ionian Islands ... Canada ... Cape ... Australia ... Van Diemen's Land ... New Zealand ... Sierra Leone ... Gambia ... Cape Coast ... Ashantee ... Fernando Po ... Mauritius ... Ceylon ... Trinidad ... Tobago ... St. Lucia ... Grenada ... St. Vincent ... Barbadoes ... Antigua ... Montserrat ... Dominica ... St. Christopher ... Nevis ... Tortola ... Jamaica ... Honduras ... Bahamas ... Bermuda ... Falkland Islands ... New South Wales ... Swan River ... Madras ... Bombay ... Bengal ... Prince of Wales Island ... Singapore ... Malacca ... Penang ... Java ... Sumatra ... Borneo ... Moluccas ... Celebes ... Timor ... Amboyna ... Banda ... Ternate ... Batavia ... Cochin China ... Siam ... Canton ... Macao ... Manilla ... Sydney ... Port Jackson ... Hobart Town ... Launceston ... Port Dalrymple ... Port Phillip ... Melville Island ... Cape Horn ... Cape of Good Hope ... Cape Verd Islands ... Madeira ... Azores ... Canaries ... Gibraltar ... Malta ... Ionian Islands ... Corfu ... Zante ... Cephalonia ... Ithaca ... Paxo ... Santa Maura ... Cerigo ... Gozo ... Malta ... Sicily ... Naples ... Rome ... Florence ... Leghorn ... Genoa ... Nice ... Turin ... Milan ... Venice ... Trieste ... Vienna ... Prague ... Dresden ... Berlin ... Hamburg ... Bremen ... Frankfort ... Munich ... Stuttgard ... Carlsruhe ... Cassel ... Hanover ... Brunswick ... Gotha ... Weimar ... Meiningen ... Coburg ... Hesse Darmstadt ... Nassau ... Saxe Weimar ... Saxe Meiningen ... Saxe Coburg ... Saxe Gotha ... Saxe Altenburg ... Saxe Hildburghausen ... Reuss ... Schwarzburg ... Lippe ... Waldeck ... Hesse Homburg ... Anhalt ... Bernburg ... Anhalt ... Dessau ... Anhalt ... Cothen ... Brandenburg ... Prussia ... Pomerania ... Silesia ... Posen ... Saxony ... Westphalia ... Cleves ... Berg ... Juliers ... Deutz ... Gladbach ... Duchy of Warsaw ... Cracow ... Galicia ... Lodomeria ... Bohemia ... Moravia ... Austria ... Styria ... Carinthia ... Carniola ... Tyrol ... Illyria ... Dalmatia ... Croatia ... Hungary ... Transylvania ... Servia ... Wallachia ... Moldavia ... Bessarabia ... Crimea ... Circassia ... Georgia ... Persia ... Turkey ... Egypt ... Tripoli ... Tunis ... Algiers ... Morocco ... Fez ... Mequinez ... Timbuctoo ... Senegal ... Goree ... Cape de Verd Islands ... Bissao ... Gambia ... Sierra Leone ... Cape Coast ... Ashantee ... Fernando Po ... Benin ... Bonny ... Calabar ... Cameroons ... Gaboon ... Loango ... Congo ... Angola ... Benguela ... Mozambique ... Zanguebar ... Abyssinia ... Nubia ... Dongola ... Sennaar ... Darfour ... Kordofan ... Abyssinia ... Shoa ... Gondar ... Tigre ... Adowa ... Massowah ... Arabia ... Muscat ... Mocha ... Aden ... Gedda ... Mecca ... Medina ... Yemen ... Hejaz ... Nejed ... Oman ... Bahrein ... Bussorah ... Bagdad ... Mosul ... Diarbekir ... Aleppo ... Damascus ... Acre ... Jerusalem ... Jaffa ... Gaza ... Egypt